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DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT, ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT,
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING PIEZOCOMPOSITE
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

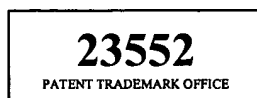
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, said period of response being extended from June 29, 2004 to August 29, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,



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